

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2431**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fletcher**

February 19, 2010

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An act to amend Section 399.11 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2431, as introduced, Fletcher. Renewable energy resources.

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission to review and adopt a renewable energy procurement plan for each electrical corporation, as defined, pursuant to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program.

This bill would make technical and nonsubstantive changes to the program's legislative findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 399.11 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 399.11. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
- 4 (a) In order to attain a target of generating 20 percent of total
- 5 retail sales of electricity in California from eligible renewable
- 6 energy resources by December 31, 2010, and for the purposes of
- 7 increasing the diversity, reliability, public health and environmental
- 8 benefits of the energy mix, it is the intent of the Legislature that
- 9 the commission and the ~~State Energy Resources Conservation and~~

1 ~~Development~~ Energy Commission implement the California  
2 Renewables Portfolio Standard Program described in this article.

3 (b) Increasing California's reliance on eligible renewable energy  
4 resources may promote stable electricity prices, protect public  
5 health, improve environmental quality, stimulate sustainable  
6 economic development, create new employment opportunities,  
7 and reduce reliance on imported fuels.

8 (c) The development of eligible renewable energy resources  
9 and the delivery of the electricity generated by those resources to  
10 customers in California may ameliorate air quality problems  
11 throughout the state and improve public health by reducing the  
12 burning of fossil fuels and the associated environmental impacts  
13 and by reducing in-state fossil fuel consumption.

14 (d) The California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program is  
15 intended to complement the Renewable Energy Resources Program  
16 administered by the ~~State Energy Resources Conservation and~~  
17 ~~Development~~ Energy Commission and established pursuant to  
18 Chapter 8.6 (commencing with Section 25740) of Division 15 of  
19 the Public Resources Code.

20 (e) New and modified electric transmission facilities may be  
21 necessary to facilitate the state achieving its renewables portfolio  
22 standard targets.